

**REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 30, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER** at 10:04 am with members of both Consortium areas present (see attendance sheet).

**STEERING COMMITTEE**

**2007 Process Feedback** – A summary of recommendations from two of the three response groups was provided. Key areas for consideration were reviewed by the Steering Committee and recommendations for action were noted on the summary form. Recommendations from one more group are pending. Votes and discussion on the recommendations were postponed until the information from the third group can be incorporated. (See handout).

**Subcommittee Progress** – The Steering Committee continues to work on recommendations for revising RCCC subgroups. In general, the idea is to reform standing committees into more task-oriented groups and to have fewer more vibrant groups. A discussion planned for the August meeting.

**STRATEGIC PLANS**

**Reed Bill response** – The “Reed” bill is one version of plans for Mc Kinney Vento reauthorization. The “Community Partnership to End Homelessness” is making it’s way through the legislative process. Charlie Corrigan from CSH provided a review key changes, such as a change in match requirements (see handout).

**PTECH** – The first meeting of the Implementation Committee for Plan to End Chronic Homelessness (PTECH) was held on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Rosemary Johnston attended on behalf of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless and provided a report.

The session was attended by 30-40 people, including dignitaries such as Ed Cabrera from the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), was held at the offices of Dene Oliver (Chair).

Implementation Committee membership was outlined in the Plan approved by San Diego City Council on Oct 23, 2006. Some service providers were present (from various organizations in the region). As of now, an RCCC representative has not been invited / appointed to the RCCC designated seat. The RCCC Facilitator will contact the convener (United Way) regarding the process for filling the identified seat.

The Implementation Committee has identified a set of working subgroups, and noted that the Committee will help facilitate the creation of affordable / supportive housing opportunities for homeless persons but may not “build it themselves”.

A subsequent meeting date was not set.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Data Committee** – Deborah Lester presented Data Quality Awards in sixteen categories. Discussion at the RCCC marks data quality as one focus for 2007-08 as HUD allocations rely more heavily on outcome data, it is important for the local CoC to invest in this area as well. The HMIS Expansion grant should begin services in November '07.

RCCC members were reminded that the Annual Homeless Assessment Reporting period ends Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Agencies are encouraged to get all data entered shortly after this date, then to review a summary report for inconsistencies (for example a program with 12 beds that has a report that indicates that there are 16 residents in those beds). The new cycle starts October 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2007 Super NOFA application included specific goals for the level of data entry in the local HMIS. It is often easier to do the data entry and review it for just a few days at a time, rather than trying to enter and review several weeks at once. Contact Deborah for more information if needed.

**Employment** – Dave Siegler provided an update for the upcoming Employment Forum. The committee met and is looking for forum topics and participants such as the local Career Centers and how they serve the homeless; innovative programs (the Monarch School or Pierre's Café); Toussaint Teen Center and youth employment, CSH's technical assistance CHETAC. The subcommittee meets again on Aug. 28 at 9:00 AM just prior to the RCCC session., new members are welcome

**Legislative / Advocacy** – Rosemary Johnson, Kathy Houck, Hannah Cohen. A handful of RCCC reps attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Washington. Kathy Houck was a State team Co-Captain helping to facilitate meetings with our representatives on Capital Hill. There seems to be fairly high energy around homelessness, and several elected officials made themselves or staff available: Boxer, Feinstein, Pelosi (COS), and Davis for example. Filner also sits on the Veteran Affairs Committee and Feinstein offers a Wednesday morning constituents breakfast. RCCC Members are encouraged to connect with their representatives, who can also be helpful (such as helping reduce with bureaucratic barriers).

Other highlights: National Coalition for the Homeless reports that 70% of people registered to vote by social service agencies actually vote – an excellent response rate.

The National Housing Trust fund for housing is gaining attention.

The Pine Hollow Project (TACHS) is being renamed as the Rev. Glenn Allison Apartments to honor the former Episcopal Minister, Exec. of ECS, TACHS staff, and Ecumenical Council leader.

A monthly legislative report is distributed electronically to the RCCC..

**Manual Preparation Group** – Dolores Diaz. The subgroup is looking for a new leader, the former leader, Lisa Contreras, accepted a new position at the First Five Commission. Members of the group are asked to meet very briefly at the end of the RCCC session.

**Rating and Ranking** – no report, the Chair is just returning from medical leave.

**Homeless Representative Task Group** – no report.

**OTHER ITEMS / ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Hope Village project, now called Cove, was transferred from Jewish Family Services to The Association for Community Housing (TACHS)

A Domestic Violence Council fundraiser is planned for Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at Chevy's in Mission Valley (see handout);

The Not to be Forgotten Rally will be held Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 – 2:00 at Civic Center Plaza;

The Emergency Resources Group (ERG) announces an open house at Villa Mandel on Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**ADJOURNMENT - 11:27 AM**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday August 28<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 – 11:30 AM**

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